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FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GERMAN SERVICE MILITARY WEEKLY SUMMARY NO 48/63, COVERING THE PERIOD OF 20-26 NOVEMBER 63.

1. DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW, THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF PREPARATION FOR ATTACK BY SOVIET BLOC FORCES.

2 PART A. GENERAL.

LAST WEEK'S EXERCISE AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE SOVIET BLOC ARMED FORCES WERE NORMAL AND WERE THUS IN KEEPING WITH THE GENERAL PACE OF TRAINING AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

SOVIET AND SATELLITE FORCES REACTED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, NOV 22ND, WITH PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES OF A GENERAL NATURE WHICH MAY BE

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INTERPRETED AS A REACTION TO CORRESPONDING STAND-BY MEASURES OF THE U.S. FORCES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION SOVIET TACTICS IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY POLICY WILL BE MARKED BY CAUTION.

3. PART B. ARMED FORCES.

A. USSR/EAST GERMAN.

1/ ON THE NIGHT OF 22/23 NOVEMBER, SPECIAL ALERT MEASURES WERE ORDERED IN THE ORANIENBURG GARRISON FOR NVA UNITS AND POSSIBLY ALSO FOR SOVIET ARMY UNITS /SEVERAL B/F-3/. GERMAN COMMENT- THE MEASURE WAS PRESUMABLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IT APPARENTLY WAS CONFINED TO THE BERLIN AREA.

B. EAST GERMAN.

1/ SINCE MID-OCTOBER 1963, CONTROL POSTS /SO-CALLED HINTERLANDPOSTEN/ HAVE BEEN STAGGERED IN DEPTHS OF UP TO 1 KILOMETER FROM THE INTERZONAL BORDER DURING WEEKEND NIGHTS. /SEVERAL F-3/.

4. PART C. GROUND FORCES.

A. SOVIET.

1/ SUMMARY GERMAN COMMENT ON TRAINING /GSFG/.

TRAINING AT LOCAL TRAINING GROUNDS AND NUMEROUS DRIVING SCHOOLS IS INDICATIVE OF RECRUIT TRAINING. FROM 16 TO 18 NOVEMBER ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST GUARDS TANK ARMY CONDUCTED

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EXERCISES, PRESUMABLY AT REGIMENTAL LEVEL, AT THE LETZLINGER HEIDE AND ALTENGRABOW TROOP TRAINING GROUNDS.

SINCE 26 NOVEMBER, THERE HAVE BEEN TENTATIVE INDICATIONS OF ACTIVITY OUTSIDE GARRISONS OF ELEMENTS OF THE 34TH ARTILLERY DIV. NO OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AS YET INDICATIVE OF EXERCISES WITH FULL UNITS PARTICIPATING.

5. PART D. AIR FORCES. NO HIGHLIGHTS PROVIDED.

6. PART E. NAVY.

A. SOVIET.

1/ ON 25 NOVEMBER 1963, ONE F-CLASS SUBMARINE, WITHOUT PT-NUMBER, PASSED NORTHWARD THROUGH THE GREAT BELT. /B-2/

7. PART F. LOGISTICS, AND PART G. PSYCHOLOGICAL - NO HIGHLIGHTS PROVIDED.

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